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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued July 1, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

“The inventions pertaining to the claims of the present application described below could have been invented easily by an individual having a common knowledge of the field of technology to which the invention belongs as it stood prior to the application based on inventions described in the publications listed below, which had been distributed in Japan prior to the application, and thus are ineligible to receive patent protection based on the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.

Note

(For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

Claims: 1-9

Cited Literature: 1, 2

Remarks

The inventions pertaining to the applicable claims are seen as that which could be arrived at easily by an individual in the industry by applying the structure that invalidates the output signals from a receiver part wherein a failure has occurred, as disclosed in the inventions described in Cited Literature 2, to the base station structure in the invention described in Cited Literature 1, wherein there are different sector antennas linked together.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-307923
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-41865"

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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